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veto a serious offer. A Sultan who could only rule with foreign help was not the sovereign ruler envisaged by the Algeciras Act. Germany should resume liberty of action, and follow up her declaration by sending cruisers to Mogador and Agadir. France would then offer compensation, and no storm was likely to arise. If she took it quietly, England would not make difficulties, and she might be told that Germany was ready for a deal if compensation in the French Congo were offered. The Chancellor accepted the plan, though he admits in his apologia that it was sensational and disquieting.

The Kaiser's assent was secured by the Chancellor and the Foreign Minister on a visit to Kiel on June 26. "Ships approved," wired the latter to the Wilhelmstrasse, and the* gunboat *Panther* was ordered to Agadir. On June 19 Dr. Regendanz, Managing Director of the Hamburg-Marokko Gesellschaft, was summoned to the Foreign Office and instructed to collect signatures from firms interested in Morocco to a petition to the Government which was needed as a pretext for the action about to be taken. The address was quickly drafted, signed and sent to Berlin, though when the *Panther* reached Agadir there was not a German nor any other European at the port.

On July 1 a brief Memorandum was presented at the Foreign Offices in London, Paris and Madrid. "Des maisons allemandes, etablies au sud du Maroc et notamment a Agadir et dans ses environs, se sont alarmees d'une certaine fermentation parmi les tribus de ces contrées qui semblent avoir produite les derniers evenements dans d'autres parties du pays. Ces maisons se sont adressées au Gouvernement Imperial pour lui demander protection pour leur vie et leurs biens. Sur

leur demande le Gouvernement a decidé
d'envoyer au port
d'Agadir un batiment de guerre pour preter, en
cas de besoin,
aide et secours a ses sujets et proteges ainsi
qu'aux con-
sidérables interets allemands engages dans les
dites contrées.
Dès que l'état de choses au Maroc sera rentré
dans son calme
antérieur, le bateau chargé de cette mission
protectrice aura
à quitter le port d'Agadir."

In presenting this document the German
Ambassadors
made explanatory statements. The advance to
Fez, declared
Metternich to Nicolson, the necessity of which
was not
established by the German reports, and the
creation of French
and Spanish military posts in various parts of
Morocco, had